

RESOLUTION NO.: 68-2009  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY ON THE BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009.**

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Local School District has placed on the November 3, 2009 general election ballot the question of passage of a 4.0 mill continuing operational levy for current expenses to operate the school system; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and this Council recognize that strong, effective schools are necessary for a strong economy, maintenance and enhancement of property values, and for economic development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the strength and effectiveness of our public schools is cited as a primary reason for citizens choosing to live and stay in Richmond Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Local School District has aggressively attempted to pass a levy; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Local School District has failed to pass a levy on six previous occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Local Schools have been forced to make 3 million dollars in cuts; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Local School District has reduced bussing to state minimum; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Local School District has increased class sizes beyond state recommended levels; and

WHEREAS, the critical need for passage of this school levy has been more than adequately demonstrated, particularly in light of the passage of time and reduced levels of student services and programs caused by several levy ballot issue failures, and if the levy is not passed, the cuts needed to balance the School District budget would further eliminate programs and services that are expected by the public and necessary to be provided by a public school system;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Mayor and all members of the Council of the City of Richmond Heights hereby express their strong support for the passage of a continuing 4.0 mill school levy on the November 3, 2009 ballot and strongly urge the citizens of the City of Richmond Heights to vote favorably for the passage of the levy as the same has a direct effect upon the cost of services and operations of the City, property values, and the general welfare of this community.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: October 13, 2009

  
Daniel J. Ursu, Mayor

APPROVED: October 13, 2009

  
David H. Roche  
President of Council

ATTEST: Betsy Traben  
Betsy Traben  
Clerk of Council